

Here is what Harry Truman had to say. He said, "The USO lets our service men and women know the people of the United States are behind them." Well, that's still true at the beginning of this century, and for a very different kind of war, a war that is being fought on many fronts: a war that's being fought here in the homeland; a war that's being fought because of the relentless efforts of our law enforcement; a war that's being fought by a diplomatic front the likes of which the world has never seen before; a war that's being fought by cutting off funds to the evil ones; and a war that's being fought on the field of battle.

We face an enemy—an enemy the likes of which we've never seen before, an enemy without a government, an enemy that's tried to hijack a great religion, an enemy that is so evil that those of us in America can't possibly comprehend why they do what they do. But it will be an enemy that will be defeated.

This enemy will be defeated because this Nation is strong and this Nation is united. This enemy will be defeated because this Nation won't stand for evil. This enemy will be defeated because we understand we fight for our very freedoms. This enemy will be defeated because we understand that what we do today will determine whether our children and our grandchildren can grow up in a free society in a free world.

This enemy will be defeated because across the world, our soldiers, marines and sailors, airmen, and coastguardsmen are the defenders of freedom. And once again, they will know that the American people stand squarely behind them.

This is a war that has required our military to adjust. It is a different kind of war. And we have got a strategy that meets this different kind of war. After all, these days we've got a B-2 bomber pilot who boards his aircraft in Missouri, delivers his ordnance, and comes back to Missouri. And the men and women of today's armed services also are different from the past. Most are likely to be married. Most are likely to have young children.

And the good news is, the USO has kept pace with these changes. It, too, has changed to reflect the nature of modern war and a modern military. And it, too, is directing its

mission not just for those in the military but for their family members, as well.

The USO leadership is as diverse and talented as ever. And I want to thank you all very much, and so do the American people. Some of the members of the Celebrity Circle Executive Committee, including Tom Hanks and Quincy Jones, could not be here. But tell them I thanked them, and tell them we appreciate their hard work.

And for our troops abroad, USO's touch of home will mean even more—even more—as we head toward Thanksgiving and eventually the holiday seasons of the winter. And you can tell them they are greatly needed where they are and they are greatly missed back home. And you can tell them the American people and the President are proud of their service.

May God bless the USO, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:25 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to entertainers Wayne Newton, Bob Hope, Neil McCoy, Rob Schneider, Jessica Simpson, Tom Hanks, and Quincy Jones; Joyce Rumsfeld, wife of Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; John Gottschalk, chairman, USO World Board of Governors; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA (Ret.), president, USO.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

October 28

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned from Camp David, MD, to the White House.

October 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia of Bangladesh to congratulate her on her election victory and to discuss cooperation against terrorism. Also in the

morning, he had a separate telephone conversation with President Benjamin William Mkapa of Tanzania concerning cooperation against terrorism. He also met with his National Security Council.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria to the White House on November 5.

The White House announced that the President will travel to New York to attend the General Debate of the U.N. General Assembly on November 10–11.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan in New York on November 10.

October 30

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Heydar Aliyev of Azerbaijan and President Robert Kocharian of Armenia concerning cooperation against terrorism, peace efforts in the Caucasus region, and efforts to reach a settlement in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. Later, he met with his National Security Council.

During the day, the President met with Members of the House of Representatives to discuss aviation security legislation.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Rockville, MD, and later returned to Washington, DC. Later in the afternoon, he met with members of the Commission to Strengthen Social Security. He then traveled to New York City, arriving in the evening.

At Yankee Stadium, the President threw out the ceremonial first pitch for game 3 of the 2001 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Later in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harold D. Stratton to be a member and Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jack Dyer Crouch, William Henry Lash, and Lorne W. Craner as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

October 31

In the morning, the President met with congressional leaders. He also met with his National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President met with Republican congressional leaders concerning Congress' fall agenda.

During the day, the President met with U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Andrew Natsios concerning U.S. humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan.

The President announced his nomination of R.L. Brownlee to be Under Secretary of the Army.

November 1

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Amir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar.

In the afternoon, the President met in the Oval Office with Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel of Austria.

During the day, the President met with his Homeland Security Council. Also during the day, he met with Republican Members of Congress to discuss aviation security legislation.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jacques Chirac of France for a meeting and a working luncheon on November 6.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom for a meeting and a working dinner on November 7.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth Price Moorefield to be Ambassador to Gabon.

November 2

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil to the White House for a meeting on November 8.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland for a meeting on November 8.

The President announced the appointment of Charles F. Connor as Special Assistant to the President for Agricultural Trade and Food Assistance.

The President announced his intention to appoint Richard Lee Espinosa as a member of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted October 30

R.L. Brownlee,
of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, vice Gregory Robert Dahlbert, resigned.

Christopher Bancroft Burnham,
of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management) (new position).

Darryl Norman Johnson,
of Washington, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Peter B. Teets,
of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, vice Carol DiBattiste.

Submitted October 31

Richard Clarida,
of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice David W. Wilcox, resigned.

Kenneth Lawson,
of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Elizabeth Bresee, resigned.

James E. Newsome,
of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for

the term expiring June 19, 2006 (reappointment).

James E. Newsome,
of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, vice William J. Rainer, resigned.

Submitted November 1

Frederick R. Heebe,
of Louisiana, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of 4 years, vice Eddie J. Jordan, Jr., resigned.

Kenneth P. Moorefield,
of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic.

David Preston York,
of Alabama, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of 4 years, vice J. Don Foster, resigned.

John D. Ong,
of Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Norway.

Richard S. Williamson,
of Illinois, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Richard S. Williamson,
of Illinois, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as